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7 October 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant for Administration

ATTENTION: [redacted] Security Branch

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SUBJECT: Letter from the [redacted] Security Officer

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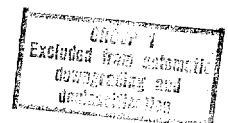
1. The enlarger itself is unclassified.
2. I see no need to mention aerial photography or the spatial filtering aspects of the instrument.
3. Even unclassified disclosures will put [redacted] in an embarrassing position re identity of sponsor. Their omission of reference to the sponsor will tacitly imply CIA.

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Assistant for Plans and Development
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Dear Jack:

We have just received contract [] in its final form for signature. It contains your standard security clause including the phrase that "The Contractor shall not reveal the specific nature or any details of the work being performed hereunder except as the Contractor is directed or permitted to reveal such information by the Contracting officer or by his duly authorized representative for security matters". For the record, we would like to put into writing our understanding of the security requirements on this contract. This understanding is derived from conversations []

It is our understanding that the hardware being built under this contract is completely unclassified. Thus we are free to admit that we are building an enlarger; that it uses coherent light; its specifications; and its use in the read-out of aerial photographs. (Our initial engineering report proposing the enlarger is in the open files and the internal work order describes it as an enlarger. Other unclassified internal progress reports will be issued as the occasion warrants.)

It is our further understanding that under no conditions is your organization to be identified as the customer. Knowledge of this will be limited to those cleared Phase III on [] project. Communication with you will be through sterile channels but without formal classification markings. Paper work is maintained in a safe cabinet access to which is limited to properly cleared people.

It is our further understanding that this system could be built out in the open shop if that should be required. In fact, individual parts, notably the glass, are made in the open shop at the present time. However, as a practical matter, the system is being assembled and tested in our Connecticut Avenue plant which is a secure facility. Access to the building is generally limited to those with at least a Phase I clearance on [] project. It is possible to bring uncleared personnel under escort into the enlarger area from time to time, however, and we wish to reserve the right to do so as required to perform the work.

At some future date we hope to publish a paper dealing with the system. This will, of course, be coordinated with your office prior to any disclosure. Further, we will coordinate with your office before a disclosure of this system is made outside the company to any other contractor or government agency.

Please let us know if the above in any way contradicts your understanding of the matter.

Regards,

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PJM:mrw